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Today's Postbag

The Weather

Forecast: Today, The sharav
will weaken during the day but
temperatures will remain above
normal.

Outlook for Weekend: Fair,
with additional drop in tempera-
ture.

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Haifa	20	24	28	32
Tiberias	18	22	26	30
Natania	22	26	30	34
Tel Aviv	22	26	30	34
Jerusalem	18	22	26	30
Beersheva	18	22	26	30
Dimona	18	22	26	30
Yotvata	18	22	26	30

ARRIVALS

Judge Meyer Cahan of Phila-
delphia, Pa., and Mrs. Cahan, for a
two-week visit under the auspices
of the Bond Drive.

Mr. Nahum Stander, General
Manager of the National Petrol-
eum Company, from New York, where
he participated in the
World Petroleum Congress, (by
M. A.).

Mr. Louis Norwitz, Israel Di-
rector of the National Petrol-
eum Company, from New York, where
he participated in the
World Petroleum Congress, (by
M. A.).

Mr. G. Urdick, General Man-
ager of the Nades Pharmaceuticals
Company, from New York, (by
M. A.).

Mr. Yosef Amir, Deputy Ac-
countant-General, from a visit to
Israel, (by M. A.).

Mr. Louis Norwitz, U.S.M. of
marble quarry consultant, for a
six-month tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cahan, of
New York City, Mr. and Mrs.
Morris Furman, of Miami Beach,
Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Morris
Schwartz, of Great Neck, N.Y.,
all Israel Bond workers.

DEPARTURES

Dr. A. Ghiora, head of the De-
partment of Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation of Kupat Ha-
Refa, to Athens to attend the
Mediterranean Conference on Reha-
bilitation sponsored by the In-
ternational Society for the Wel-
fare of Cripples, (by M. A.).

Mr. M. Yoeli and Dr. I. Cedar-
baum, of the Technion Division of
Electronics and Telecommuni-
cations, to lecture at an interna-
tional symposium on circuit and
information theory at the Uni-
versity of California, (by M. A.).

Mr. Moshe Pines, of the man-
agement of the Haganah com-
pany, for the U.S., to conclude
the establishment of the insur-
ance company being set up by
the Haganah, (by M. A.).

Prof. Ratzel Shanon, head of
the Building Research Station of
the Technion, for guest lectures in
Sydney and Melbourne, Australia.
Dr. D. Bar-Nir, in charge of the
South Wales Fellowship of Jew-
ish Architects and Engineers.

Mr. M. Shalom, of the Ministry of Transport, and
Mr. D. Bar-Nir, in charge of the
Division's international affairs,
to San Diego, California, to at-
tend the 12th conference of the
International Civil Aviation Or-
ganization.

ATTENTION VISITORS AND
ISRAELI TRAVELLERS
See today and tomorrow
Swiss watches, Eterna, Marvin,
Universal, Omega, Grand-Pere-
regue, La Courte, Juvenat,
Joustra, Juvana, and other
makes at Lyda Airport. Buy
Cameras - Leica M II and M
II, Rodina, Reflex, Minox B,
Canon, Nikon, B & H, Bolex -
and Canon - Cine-cameras as
well as color and black and
white film.

At the Lyda Airport, the
passport and custom formalities
and before leaving the Lyda Air-
port, visit the DUTY FREE SHOP in
the Exit Hall. Only foreign cur-
rency accepted. (M.A.).

THE DELEK Fuel Company
on Tuesday opened its 40th
gas station in Israel at
Mitze Ramon in the Central
Neger.

CURRENCY in circulation
rose by IL2,336,302 during the
week ending Tuesday to
IL294,498,269. The Bank of Is-
rael announced on Wednesday
that gold reserves decreased by
IL21; foreign currency re-
serves rose by IL1,623,123;
and Treasury bills and Gov-
ernment promissory notes
rose by IL4,693,000.

HAIFA'S TRAFFIC reorgani-
zation, involving mainly the
re-routing of some bus lines,
will go into effect on Sunday
morning. Fares will be ad-
justed slightly on some lines.

Lebanese Workers Tug
Car Out of Israel
TIBERIAS. — Some 100 Leba-
nese labourers were given
special permission to leave
Israel on Wednesday to tug
up with ropes an air-condi-
tioned Mercury car which
had overturned into a wadi
on the border near Kibbutz
Migav Am in Israel terri-
tory on Tuesday.

The car belongs to Ali
And Hassan Bek, a Leba-
nese leader of the Metwalli
sect and said to be a sup-
porter of the former Presi-
dent, Gamal Abdel Nasser.
He escaped from his attackers in
a Lebanese border village on
Tuesday, but they pushed
his car off the road and it
fell into Israel territory.

The Lebanese were allowed
to enter Israel after a tractor
had been used to pull the
car uphill. The operation
was carried out in the pre-
sence of U.N. Observers,
members of the Israeli-Leba-
nese Mixed Armistice Com-
mission and Israeli police.
The car suffered serious dam-
age.

Rassco Celebrates
TEL AVIV. The 25th anni-
versary of the Rassco com-
pany was marked at a ga-
thering held on Wednesday
night in "Belt Levin" in Kfar
Sannayahu in the presence of
the Minister of Justice, Ras-
co officials and many guests.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1959

Young and Old in T.A. Turn Out To Greet General Ne Win

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The people of Tel Aviv-Jaffa turned out to greet the Burmese Prime Minister, General Ne Win, during his visit on Wednesday, despite the heat. Crowds of cheering children waving Burmese and Israeli flags ignored the heat and lined the pavements to greet the soldier-statesman as he drove through the streets in an open limousine at the head of a 15-car motorcade.

The youngsters' enthusiasm was equalled by that of thousands of adults who stopped work or shopping to line the pavements and accord the guest and his entourage a warm, spontaneous welcome. The General and his party started the day in Jerusalem by having breakfast with Mr. Moshe Sharet, M.K. The latter travelled with Prime Minister Ne Win down to Ramat, telling him of the significance of Israel's "Burma Road." At the approach to the Ramat cement factory, Mr. Sharet returned to the capital.

The General was greeted at the factory gates by the head of the Histadrut, Mr. Y. Givon, and other members of the Histadrut Executive were among those who met him.

Then began a triumphal tour of the city. The motorcade, escorted by three Israeli flag-waving young men, passed through the city, stopping work to applaud. At the centre of the Old City of Jerusalem, the crowd pressed onto the road, but maintained good order.

All the way up Derech Eliat and Yaffo-Tel Aviv, the picture was the same. Workmen and flag-waving youngsters crowded the pavements to catch a glimpse of the visitor. In crowded Rehov Eliahu, the motorcade stopped to wave, and then the cars swept northwards via Sderot Rothschild, Rehov Ibn Ovirol, Rehov Arlossoff and Rehov Rabinowitz.

Here the car-guests and shoppers joined the school-children to greet the motorcade. Three youngsters sported Burmese flags on their bicycles tried to race the cars, but soon fell behind. The largest crowd was on hand at the main plant where the General was shown the factory. The British built it originally. We're now running it at a loss, and we need your help," Mr. Sharet said.

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The General was shown around the plant and strode on at such a pace that he left the rest of the perspiring party behind. He kept his trim, cool, immaculate look despite the heavy shavut and the heat of the furnaces. After signing his name in the Visitors' Book in both Burmese and English, he re-entered his motorcade accompanied by Ahuf-Mishne Yehuda Pribar.

The motorcade sped down the central traffic lane at 80 kilometres an hour. The General's car was preceded by three motorcycle outriders, and was followed by vehicles carrying the Burmese Ambassador to Israel, U Hla Maung, the Secretary of the Burmese Government, U Win Pe, the head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colonel Bo Lwin, the Burmese Minister, U Tin Maung Oyi, and Mr. Lewin.

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At a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday he said he was pleasantly surprised at the parties' "give-and-take" approach to the controversial issue of broadening education in all schools, and stressed the importance of religion as the community's supreme moral buttress. The Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. M. Toledano, addressed the gathering on the religious significance of the feast. Other speakers were Mayor Haim Levonan and Mr. P. Sheinman, Chairman of the Council.

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By WILLIAM MILLINSTEIN

PARIS (ONIS). —

THE French Government has nothing to fear from the outcome of the National Assembly's first full dress debate on the explosive problem of Algeria, and it is a foregone conclusion that M. Michel Debré, the Prime Minister, is assured of an overwhelming majority in the concluding vote, probably next week.

Criticism by the Algerian European Deputies and some conservatives of his lukewarm attitude towards the "integration" of Algeria add France does not mean they will not support the Government's integrationist Bills. Only 40 Socialists, the handful of Communists and a few Deputies in the center will vote against the measures on the grounds that they go too far towards integration. The measures will make Algerian and French currency interchangeable and will allow the French Parliament to vote the Algerian Budget next year.

With his Parliamentary majority assured, M. Debré in his opening policy statement seemed to speak more to the French Army in Algeria than to the Deputies. He gave the Army almost all the assurances it required: the military effort in Algeria has top priority and will not be slackened; there will be no political negotiations with the rebels; no secret talks behind the Government's back; the Government will not go beyond General de Gaulle's offer of talks in Paris; the offer of talks is a cease-fire; the self-styled Algerian Provisional Government is not representative of Algerian opinion which must be expressed through elections; the French Government will use diplomatic pressure to the full against the rebels; the rebellion, and reprisals will be taken against European banks who "earn interest from the blood of others."

Warns NATO
M. Debré also gave satisfaction to nationalist feeling by his sharp reminder to France's NATO allies that the alliance might be reconsidered if the French cause in Algeria did not receive their full support.

In speaking about the quarrel over "integration," M. Debré clearly sought to drive a wedge between the Algerian extremists on the one hand and the Army and Moslem population on the other. He borrowed M. Jacques Soustelle's definition of "integration" as "the opposite of disintegration." The Government supports this policy, he said, if it means full equality between all French citizens in Algeria. It was against integration that the General had spoken in his famous 1958 speech. "Papa's Algeria is dead," will be met with warm approval in the

Army, which has never defended the feudal rights of the Algerian settlers.

But despite his show of frankness and plain speaking, M. Debré gave no indication of how the war in Algeria could be ended. He said that France's position in North Africa would be stronger next year, but did not suggest this would mean the restoration of peace.

While some French liberals persistently placed high hopes in the coming meeting between General de Gaulle and the King of Morocco (which may be the signal for action in Algeria), M. Debré made it clear his Government would not make any concession acceptable to the rebels. He was silent about the possible future status of Algeria except to remark that it would be "united with France for a better and common destiny."

In the meantime, the French Government will continue its policy of trying to wear down the rebels militarily while winning over the Moslem population with promises of political equality, social advancement and future economic prosperity.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS COMMENT

Press Integrity at Stake

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) urges that we continue to rely on press censorship to prevent the publication of certain information about immigration, for there is both folly and danger in attributing to innocent disclosures on alysa the same criminal intent that applies to the divulging of State security secrets for pay. There is no reason for doubting the integrity of the press which has kept faith till now.

Kol Ha'am (Communist) writes that the military and left to do is to make the administrative order retroactive for about three months. In this way, the Prime Minister and the chief Mapai spokesmen would be liable to fifteen years in prison.

Hatzofe (National Religious) hopes that General de Gaulle will make the realization that Israel is not a product of Western imperialism as the Arabs try to make her out to be, but rather a vast humanitarian project from which the peoples of Asia can learn.

Lamreshav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that though our Burmese visitor has made it clear that his talks with the Government will not touch on international problems, it is clear that the talks must deal with international affairs to some degree, particularly since the negotiations are being held here.

ELI

By Meir



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tween the representatives of two friendly nations which, though differing in language, culture, religion and way of life, share the will to be free and independent in order to engage in constructive activity for the good of their people and international peace.

Hahoker (General Zionist) reminds us that General de Gaulle is not here as a representative of the socialist party of Burma and has ostensibly been invited to Israel as the guest of the Prime Minister (i.e., the State) and it is unfair to give the impression that the Histadrut is the prime mover behind everything worth seeing in Israel.

Ha'aretz (non-party) considers it right that the Knesset debate the "Jewish consciousness" curriculum in our schools. It adds that the problem is less relations between the religious and non-religious Jews in Israel, but rather the conflict with Zionist doctrine which negates life in the Diaspora.

After declaring that the lip service paid to the memory of the six million Jews annihilated by the Nazis is consistently being given the lie by Mapai attempts to internationalize problems, Herut lashes out at the intention of Mayor Rabinovich of Petah Tikva to attend the conference of heads of local authorities in Berlin.

We note with satisfaction the ever-increasing number of young people joining our ranks. The spokesmen of the Movement, however, must not neglect the relevant theological prerequisites which enable them to speak on behalf of reform effectively, even if this cannot always be done in a pure Sabra accent.

Yours, etc.

SHALOM BEN-CHORIN

Jerusalem, June 6.

SKIN PREPARATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your report, on June 8, of the exhibition of the pharmaceutical product, Bitupal, at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association omits to mention the utilization of the TEVA Middle East Pharmaceutical and Chemical Works Ltd., Jerusalem.

When TEVA was founded in 1954, its principal object was to utilize the country's natural resources for therapeutic purposes. Hence the name TEVA (Nature). It may therefore be regarded as a special success that Bitupal, which derives

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A GENTLE ARTIST

BISCO — Bernard Iacovitz, who died suddenly just a week ago, had only been in Israel a few scant months but many Israelis, as well as his old and closer friends, mourn his passing with a sense of real personal loss. Bisco was more than a draftsman who had just succeeded in holding two fine exhibitions in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; more than a sculptor forced to give up carving because of a weak heart. All of us who met Bisco loved him for his strong heart, the heart that gave him his twinkling, understanding smile, even when the Agency maid his luggage and put him and his family on a bus to nowhere after failing to classify him at Lydda.

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FIRST FRUITS — AND SHARAV



Tired out by the heat and the excitement of getting up early to dress in white and complete her parakeet, this kindergarten girl goes at her contribution to the Bikkurim Festival in Jerusalem.

Photo by Braun

Readers' Letters

ACCENT AND CONTENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your Radio Review of June 8 included a critical comment on my broadcast dealing with the subject of religious reform in Israel. The only argument advanced against my point of view was a remark about my "thickly Germanic accent."

I do not think this argument has anything to do with the matter under discussion. Almost all spiritual, political and cultural movements in Israel have been created by persons who came here from foreign countries. After all, this is an example of the "Ingathering of Exiles" on which we pride ourselves. The religious movements, too, were started by persons born and raised in the Diaspora. The case of religious reform in Israel is in the same category.

TEVA YOURS, etc.
TEVA Middle East Pharmaceutical and Chemical Works Ltd., Jerusalem, June 9.

"DAN" BUS SIGNS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In reply to the letter in your issue of May 19 complaining of the lack of proper bus signs in Tel Aviv, we should like to inform the public that the "Dan" Traffic Department is in the process of changing all the signs at bus stops. The new signs will have the name of the stop, a short description of the route, hours of service and frequency of departures. This far, the signs in English. Thus far, the signs have been changed on Routes 4, 5, 20, 21 and 22.

Frame maps will soon be put up on the poles at every stop, showing the routes of "Dan" bus lines — an innovation which will help everyone find his bearings and determine which bus will take him to his destination.

Yours, etc.

"DAN" PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Tel Aviv, June 4.

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Skim Milk Can Be Used for Industry

By SHMUEL LAVIE

REB Menahem Mendel Kramer from Batmar, now of Kfar Gidon in the Emek, wants to solve the problem of milk surpluses.

Mr. Kramer, and his father before him, have been in the milk industry for years. His Transylvania hometown, as he tells it, was not an exclusively occupied with spiritual problems as one might gather from headlines. It had more than its quota of Jewish saddlers, shoemakers, brandy distillers, foresters and cheese makers.

Mr. Kramer had his own cattle and dairy in Batmar. And the problem was how to regulate his milk supply. In the years when pastures were poor and feed scarce, his dairy stood idle for lack of milk to handle; but in good seasons, farmers from miles around would bring in the produce, streams of skimming milk flowed into the streets, and piles of cheese and cans of milk filled the cellars.

THEATRE NOTES

Amal Tries Steinbeck Play

Amal Theatre presents "Shal-hoet" (Sharing Bright) by John Steinbeck. Directed by Alex Hadari. E.O.A. Moore, June 9.

He may have the actor's "blood," but he must certainly try hard to acquire the actor's tradition.

The conditions of the ZOA auditorium are at least most detrimental to Little Theatre, so that possibly not full justice could be given the real artistic effort made by Amal. For one thing, the rather good diction of the players was completely lost in the back rows of the auditorium.

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The two factories, says Mr. Kramer, acknowledged that his project had a good commercial basis, and that the price that emerged from his calculations was not too high for them; but they indicated that they preferred to continue to buy their cascin abroad.

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GENERAL Ne Win and friends at an astonishing rate, almost as though they had been waiting for this opportunity for years. One of the small factors that contributed to their understanding of the situation was a magnificent silver cigarette box, decorated with raised ornamental work in the Burmese tradition that the General had brought as a gift for Israel's Prime Minister. Mr. Ben-Gurion examined the finely made box with pleasure, opened it, and said absent-mindedly: "As a matter of fact, I don't smoke any longer." That's all right," said the General, "I don't either."

ALUF Dayan recalled how much he had enjoyed his visit to Burma's Tenth Anniversary celebration last year. "Only place abroad where I ever felt completely at home. It's nothing to do with politics or Army or business, either. But if you go to a party in Burma you can rely on everybody else taking off their neckties at exactly the moment when I feel that I want to get rid of mine. And everybody was in the underground and they once had a British Government. I was almost surprised they didn't speak Hebrew."

IT is still visitors' season in general. Stories have been trickling across from the Old City that tourists agents there are now very knowledgeable concerning all the sights in Israel. One tourist came across with careful instructions not to miss the Lag Ba'Omer bonfires, which must be impressive close to, because they looked good even from the other side of the wall. Another stayed at a hotel in a small town here, and when he was asked who had sent him to this particular establishment, said that it was the so-and-so agency in the Old City. They had said they could recommend a trustworthy establishment. He was quite surprised to hear that it would be difficult to pay them their percentage for the time being.

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Subsidized Excursions for Visitors Who Stay A Week Haifa: Rest and Recreation

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

FOR all those who want a HOLIDAY "away from it all" with plenty of rest and recreation, Haifa offers everything that any Israel resort can give... and more. Cool mountain air with lovely scenery? The Carmel is second to none. Swimming and sunbathing? Where will you find better beaches than those in and near the city? There are also salt and fresh water swimming pools. Walks, outings and picnics? No competition to Mt. Carmel. Excursions and sightseeing? Easy access to Galilee, Nazareth, Safad, Tiberias and the whole northern area, with convenient transport arrangements. Museums and exhibitions? As many as anywhere and as varied.

Town and Country

But if you want to just rest, "do nothing" for a week, this is the town in which to do it. All the facilities of a big city are combined with the quiet country atmosphere of Mt. Carmel, a five-minute bus ride.

This year, the town's hotels and pensions, most of them situated on Mt. Carmel, are putting 800 places at the disposal of holiday-makers. Most of the establishments have been given a face-lift, and improvements include private showers for almost every room. But prices have remained steady, at

IL14 to IL18 a day for full board. But the hoteliers and the Municipality realize that rest alone is not enough. The Hotel Owners' Association is planning an excursion scheme for every holiday-maker who books a full week in the town, which includes two trips to Carmel Beach for swimming (transport from door to door); a boat trip across the Bay to Acre and back with sightseeing; a trip to the Bet Shearim antiquities site; a visit to Caesarea. All this will take care of five of your seven days, and the trips will cost less than IL10, the difference to be footed by the hoteliers.

Open-Air Concerts

The evenings? The Municipality is again presenting its popular open-air Carmel Melodies Program, this

year, three times a week in the James de Rothschild Centre's amphitheatre. The series will include guest appearances by well-known artists, as well as "live" and recorded classical and modern concertos. Theatrical after you have seen Haifa from the Carmel at night (a sight the world is waking up to) there are two night clubs, the Can Can and the veteran Ramat Hadar, both on Mt. Carmel, open every night. Various cafes are also reintroducing weekend dances. You may also sit in or outside one of the elegant Mt. Carmel cafes and enjoy the view, the cool night, the passing crowds and the gossip. New cafes have recently opened. To keep up with them, the veteran establishments have been renovated. You'll be sorry your week is over so soon.

Ashkelon Wakes and Forms Its Own Tourist Corporation

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AFTER languishing dimly for several years, Ashkelon's tourist industry is showing signs of a major revival this year. Last Friday, the Mayor, Mr. Aris Tager, officially opened the tarmac foot-path from the Afriqar neighbourhood down to the life-saving tower on the beach, an act which symbol-

ized a long-delayed victory for unfortunate pedestrians who have trudged through the dunes for several years, looking like so many Beau Geste's.

Shade is to be provided on the beach and general amenities improved; the Information Office in the clock-tower, closed for many weary months, has been reopened with the help of the Government Tourist Corporation. A movement has been initiated to complete a new master plan of the beach (several have been made and rejected in the past) which will make possible the building of summer bungalows, pensions and other such amenities. Development had been frozen and persons interested told to come another year because there was no plan available.

Citizens' Move

For years tourists from abroad and summer visitors alike have said that Ashkelon is potentially the most attractive spot in the country, but that it is also the most neglected. The climate is remarkably pleasant, the juxtaposition of sea and the dry Southland ensuring cool winds off the ocean; the beach is long and perfect and the Antiquities Park unique in Israel.

The inspiration for the new move to establish tourism is coming from the town's citizens, who recently formed an Ashkelon Tourist Development Corporation, with the blessing and assistance of the Municipality, the Afriqar Housing Corporation and the Government Tourist Corporation. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Louis Pincus, the company has already initiated the various schemes mentioned. It is planned to extend activities until Ashkelon's natural amenities are developed to the full.



Happy holiday-makers splash freely and safely in Nahariya's modern pool

Nahariya Ideal Holiday Resort

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

THE seaside resort of Nahariya is making an immense effort this year to put itself on the map for tourists as well as for local Israelis, to whom it has long been known as an ideal holiday town.

The Hotel Owners' Association, as might be expected in this place of orderliness and organization, is with characteristic thoroughness working out plans which will offer first class holidays, without assuming that all foreigners are millionaires. Mr. Erich Wendenbaum, the President of the Association and himself a successful hotel owner for many years, says, "We believe that many more tourists would come to Israel, if they thought they could have a holiday for just a little more than they would pay for a vacation at home." Many people save up for years before they can manage a trip to Israel and it is the duty of every hotel owner to see that they can enjoy themselves without worrying if they can afford an extra glass of wine he says.

Nahariya offers everything needed for relaxation. The beach and swimming pool have facilities for either energetic exercise or relaxed lounging. Parents can be easy in their minds while their children splash about under the vigilant eyes of the lifeguards.

Fairy Land of Lights

The Local Council has made the main street a fairland of soft lights that hang from the trees bordering the small stream that makes this street unique in Israel. The Council also organizes a yearly garden competition, so every citizen may be sure of having a cool and shady place in which to read or take a rest. He will not be bitten by mosquitoes either, as a fierce war is waged on insects all year round.

Daily tours are organized for those whose idea of relaxation means inspecting historical sights and superb scenery. Others with differ-

ent tastes will find dancing in the cafes, food specialties from all over the world, bridge clubs, cinemas and even nightclubs. At Nahariya is surrounded by farming country, fresh foodstuffs are assured and the local dairy products have a high reputation.

The hotels specialize in personal service. Most of them are family businesses where the owners are also the staff. In this way, they maintain close contact with all their guests, get to know their likes and dislikes and are always ready to satisfy special requests.

Sea Trips

Another innovation, which so far none of the Mediterranean resorts has tried, are the fishing and sightseeing trips by motorship along the coast from Nahariya to Acre in one direction, and to the white cliffs of the Lebanese

frontier in the other. There are some small islands a little way off the coast which can only be reached by boat; there, fish of fabulous size lurk in the reefs, waiting for hook or spear. Mr. Anselm Acker, the owner and captain of the boat, now renamed the "Alisa," sailed the craft from England last year. It is now converted for tourist traffic, having seating accommodation, awnings and a bar.

Summer Camps

In building up its reputation as a place to bring — or send — children, the town is justly proud of its traffic control. Its record of traffic accidents is one of the lowest in Israel. The town has two summer camps for children (one of them conducted in English) and hundreds of children coming back year after year and sending their little brothers and sisters to testify to their popularity.

Beach Report (I)

Nebi Rubin

ISRAEL'S almost forgotten beach at Nebi Rubin, opposite Rishon LeZion, is one of the country's finest. However, it seems to have been forgotten by the local authorities as well as by holiday-makers.

The beach itself has a wonderful stretch of fine clean sand, flat enough to be cleaned of pebbles and shells by the sea at high tide. For scavengers or rubbish bins are provided. It is divided by a small but charming promontory, part of which was once buttressed by an ancient wall. There are two kilometres of fine wide beach to the south of this point and nearly another kilometre to the north. In the distance, at the end of a shallow bay, can be seen the roofs and minarets of Jaffa and the beach at Bat Yam.

Last weekend there were less than 50 people at the north beach and less than 100 at the south. There are, of course, no lifeguards in attendance.

The chief reason for the charming lack of madding crowds at Nebi Rubin is the lack of transport. There is no bus line to the beach. Further, most of the road from the Tel Aviv-Jaffa highway is falling to pieces. (This road can be approached from Tel Aviv, Rishon LeZion or Ness Ziona.)

It would be worthwhile for the Municipality of Rishon to take an interest in the beach, which could siphon off great numbers of day-trippers from Jerusalem, Rehovot, Ramat Lydda and Rishon, thus relieving the pressure on the established beaches, where there is hardly enough room to swing a beach ball on a hot day. But the road must be repaired. Steps down to the north beach are necessary. Whoever is given a concession to sell cold drinks there should be charged with supervising the cleaning of the beach.

Tel Baruch

ANOTHER new beach, this time touched by the magic hand of development, is Tel Baruch, opposite Ofek, just north of the Yarkon and mercifully beyond its stench. All the amenities are provided and the life-savers assure that all the rocks now in evidence in the shallows will be completely covered with sand within a week. The only thing that mars this otherwise handsome but narrow beach (there is very little sand between the cliff and the water) is the proxi-

mity of the port and other industrial installations, which detract from the air of being "away from it all" that one finds so grandly at Nebi Rubin. Further, there is a great deal of "tar" oil from shipping, in the water and on the sand, which can only be removed with kerosene or petrol. Some cotton wool and small bottles of kerosene are now required equipment at almost any beach, but it should be quickly washed off the skin with fresh water.

Bat Yam

THE cleanest and most efficient beach in the Tel Aviv area seems to be Bat Yam, even if it lacks the sophistication of Herzlia. (Neither is free from oil.) But why does the Municipality charge 350 pr. for parking next to the beach? There is no great shortage of space nearby and surely the idea is to encourage more visitors.

Safety Law

ALL the public beaches lack a municipal by-law to prohibit the playing of beach tennis and football except in specified areas. At present, lying on the beach is a real hazard. Beach inspectors could be appointed to enforce such a law and to prevent rowdy youngsters from spoiling everyone else's day at the seaside. M.R.

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The train route has always been a delight. Today the ride is quietly jolt-free, clean and comfortable. Even more remarkable is the little used Toza road, which branches off the Tel Aviv highway near Samson's Inn and after Toza connects with the new Ein Karem highway (it still swings around to the main highway again after Kastel). This truly alpine road climbs hundreds of metres in several minutes driving. From the first crest you can take in Hartuv to the southwest, the sea to north-west, and the plains of Philistia in the distance. Then there are passes, saddles and sheer drops that are thrilling. After Toza, the surface improves and then you come out onto the super-highway and wheel past the new Hadassah Hospital and Ein Karem, with its picturesque houses and monasteries.

The Capital offers the most interesting sightseeing in the country, even by suburban bus: a tour of the borders, now conveniently studded with lookout points and explanatory topographical maps; Ramat Rachel with its view of Bethlehem and its excavated Israelite fortress; Abu Tor and Mt. Zion; the Friday night synagogue tour (book early, its packed); Mt. Herzl; the superb new Hebrew University Campus and the Dead Sea Scrolls; the Knesset and the Bessal National Museum, the Antiquities Museum and several excellent private galleries. Half-hour trips take you to Ma'aleh Hahamisha or Ness Harim. On the roads you discover little gems like the new Canada Forest, round, beautifully designed to blend with the landscape.

In the evenings you relax at your first class mountain hotel outside the city, the "Holyland," or at your first class "B" hotel, the Moriah, or step out for a drink at Finks, probably the best bar in the Middle East. Some Israelis are lucky enough to live in the Capital. R.M.

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TREND TO SMALLER FAMILIES

By Philip Gillon

TWO young women who asked for a lift were aged 17 and 19; they were both married and pregnant. They had arrived in Israel at different times, several years before, from Morocco and lived with their husbands in Kiryat Malachi. The one said that her father also lived in Kiryat Malachi; he was a "social case" and there were 10 in the family. The parents of the other lived in an immigrant neighborhood, which she, the eldest of eight children, had left as soon as she married.

"I am only going to have two children," volunteered one of the young wives.

"We too," said the second. "Certainly not more than two — and we may wait some time for the second."

Did their husbands agree? Certainly; one was a painter and the other a builder, both of them in steady employment. Why did they want to limit the number of children? They hesitated before replying.

"So we can give them proper attention and education," one of them said, at last. "Not like we had," added the second.

The attitude of the two young women was symptomatic of a profound development taking place, almost unnoticed, in the lives of immigrants from Oriental countries. Not only the new generation are revolting against the intolerable burden of incessant child-bearing, with a consequent depressed standard of living; older women brought up in Yemen or Morocco or Kurdistan are turning to district nurses and health centres asking for a lift in birth control. The average woman from these groups has no idea of how to practice contraception and seeks desperately for guidance.

Their questions pose a most delicate problem. Al-

though Rabbis tend to give different answers to questions about the official religious outlook on planned families, and Rabbis in the Western world have as few or as many children as other people, it seems that in Israel the religious are strongly in favour of unlimited families. Presumably the basis of this belief is to be found in passages indicating the blessing of multiplying like the sands on the seashore.

Another argument used to encourage maximum families is that Israel needs "internal immigration"; the Government even presents prizes for the tenth child. This approach ignores the fact that Israel needs quality as well as quantity. It is apparent that in large families with small incomes the children cannot be given even minimum care.

The families of eight, nine or ten children are most often those living on relief, and they grow up on a diet of bread and tea, an occasional onion or olive. The children are taken out of school as soon as possible, and they become the unskilled proletariat of the future. Israel has demonstrated abundantly in her achievements, both in war and peace, that quality is all-important.

Another argument advanced against general family control is that custom and tradition among Jews from Oriental and North African countries relate a man's social prestige to the size of his family. But this view will hardly survive in an environment where Ashkenazim and sabras demonstrate that manhood is not measured only in terms of offspring. Also, Oriental women are becoming increasingly determined to enjoy the same standards of living as their sisters who came from Western lands.

Better Education

In fact this determination must inevitably transform the entire family picture, since it springs from the determination to provide better educational facilities for the children, as evidenced by the remarks of the two young wives mentioned earlier. The Government is doing what it can to break the cultural and other divisions between different ethnic groups; the award of scholarships and other amenities is loaded in favour of immigrant children, to get them to high school and university.

In a primitive society, young children soon become money-earners; at nine and ten they are put to work. Even in Israel the father of

a large family can net a handsome sum during the peanut-picking season. The more advanced the family, the longer the child has to be supported by the parents, through high school, university, post-graduate training, establishment in a career. Higher standards of living have a direct effect on the size of families.

"This is, of course, no new discovery applying only to Israel," Bertrand Russell and Julian Huxley have been thundering for years that it is criminal folly to reduce death rates throughout Asia without a corresponding reduction in birth rates. What is strange is that Israel indulges in a conspiracy of silence, instead of coming out openly on the side of controlled family life. Even the women who seek help are subject to protracted enquiries and are required to bring their husbands to the clinic to make sure that no tragic family quarrel will result from the information given.

In the meanwhile, experiments in the world are proceeding apace with the anti-ovulation pill; a well-known gynaecologist has obtained excellent results in Peru. It is to be hoped that the "magic pills" will not fall under any new religious ban.



Playing together for the first time as man and wife in Tokyo's Shiba Tennis Tournament are Crown Prince Akhito and his bride Princess Michiko, the commoner who he is said to have met at a tennis club.

Diary of a Housewife

By Hadassah Bat Haim

AFTER a prolonged struggle, all the more desperate because we know that the outcome was never in doubt, I consent in a half-hearted way to admit another dog to the family circle. Reluctance comes not from a dislike of dogs, though could live without them if pressed, but a dislike of cleaning up after untrained puppies. In spite of all assurances and promises cannot bring myself to leave a varnished mess around the house till school is out, and an absolute certainty that once the creature is somewhat tamed and used to our ways it will go away and join the army, or the police, or get run over and break our hearts or in some way manage to disrupt our lives.

HAVE no sooner said that perhaps it will be all right than the children rush off and contract for one of the unborn sons of Cushit, a large black dog that lives opposite. The father of the pups is Ricky, a rather bad tempered dog belonging to my brother, so feel there is already some connection. Pup when it finally arrives appears to be mostly ears and woe-begone expression. We call him Jumbo and hope he will not have his father's disposition.

HAVE to admit that Jumbo is very intelligent though the Head of the House says this is just family pride. He spends a short time than usual in making the house uninhabitable though we quickly find out that he must not be spoken to sharply as this upsets his stomach and makes him sick (too). In his destructive stage he modestly contents himself with three pairs of socks, a cushion and a curtain torn off the line.

WE spend a lot of time that training him and cannot help thinking that this may confuse him a little though he is willing to please and when approached with half a biscuit goes at once through his whole repertoire without waiting for the word.

of command. He sits down, lies down and shakes hands in rapid succession over and over again till the biscuit is gone. He knows that the door from the outside but has not until now learned to close it after him in spite of our most strenuous efforts to teach him to come in through the front. Also his mother comes over every morning as soon as he is light to look him over and make sure he is not being ill treated.

As soon as he hears her growling and squealing noises — not loud of course, he wouldn't want to wake any one up — until someone lets him out, and as soon as she has satisfied herself and gone home he starts them again till someone lets him in. He often wakes in the night and goes around sniffing at all our faces to make sure we have not died in our sleep. No use locking the door against him. He would be convinced something was wrong then and probably break it down. He is very vigilant and will probably be a good watchdog once he learns to differentiate between his friends and ours and not for instance, keep out the newspaper man, while welcoming the old clown with smiles and bouquets.

ALSO wish he would not lie directly in front of the door like a draught protector so that any attempt to open the door is thwarted by his large inert body. He also lies on the beds and on the couch, until an adult comes into the room when he slides down with the speed of light, instead of on the elaborate beds, patriotically decorated with flags, that the children prepared for him. Still he is getting so big now that anyone whose bed is so honoured has to get out once he comes in. Remember too late that Jumbo is really a name for elephants and hope he will not allow himself to be influenced by this circumstance.

PEN FRIENDS

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FEEDING TODDLERS

CHILD MANAGEMENT

By Dr. Pearl Ketcher

RAHEL'S mother complained to me, "My child is giving me such a lot of trouble, she doesn't eat." "And what trouble do you give her? I enquired.

She laughed and said, "Oh, I slap her. What am I to do? I try feeding her for an hour and then I get exasperated."

"And does she eat her food after the slaps?"

"No," and she smiled again as she said it.

This is not an isolated instance. Little children learn very quickly how potent a weapon this "not eating" can be. Mothers are so sign targets; they get angry. As soon as mother shows no sign of being affected by her child either eating or refusing food, the child does not continue to refuse tasty food.

As one mother said to me, after she had been having much trouble getting her child to eat, "It doesn't bother me any more when my child doesn't eat — and of course she gets hungry."

Difficulties during meal times may have had their beginnings when the child was a baby. Now they have become a habit, so that even when the child is hungry, he may refuse to eat, and even when given his favourite food.

This is a pity. For feeding is a pleasurable occupation and meal times should be agreeable periods. It's fun to be invited to lunch or dinner, healthy youngsters like to "tuck-in." Eating when one is relaxed is always more

pleasant (and digestion is easier) than having to bolt food in a hurry.

Forcing children to eat what they don't like or more than they want is highly unrewarding for all concerned. One mother said to me — and as she said it the light dawned in her eyes — "My five-year-old daughter said to me when made her eat rice pudding, 'If I were a mother, I wouldn't force my little girl to eat rice pudding.'"

And now a word to the mother who goes in for costly food and the special preparation of elaborate dishes for her young children. If your child is being finicky with his food, offer him simple dishes rather than elaborately prepared ones. If he pushes his food away in disgust, you won't feel quite as angry if he refuses an egg or a glass of milk, as you would if he doesn't eat his carefully prepared vegetable soup, or expensive liver.

Some mothers buy expensive food in the belief that it is more nutritious. This is not always, or even necessarily, true. If you like butter and can afford it, buy it and eat it yourself, and give your little one margarine; it is nutritious. And if you buy costly chicken livers for your child and he rejects them, don't get angry and don't, as one mother told me, she did, throw them away. Eat them yourself.

It's a good thing to remember, too, that toddlers can be introduced to family foods quite early. They usually like the idea of eating what grown-ups eat. So if your means are limited, don't forget: no more special fancy foods for the youngsters. If you eat fish fillet, give it to them too. And you'll be delighted to discover that some of them actually like it.

FLORAL ENGLAND

By Patricia Gray

CHELSEA Flower Show, LONDON. highlight of the London summer, is just over. After the April excitement of the Paris Florales, Chelsea, we thought, might be a let-down. It was not. This is England at its best. On the first hectic day when the Press are admitted in the midst of furious preparations it was impossible to detect a cross word, an angry look, a single word of devoted horticulturists who for weeks had been attempting to "hold back the summer" by which ingenious refrigeration, displayed their magnificent flowers, their newest introductions, in an atmosphere of enthusiastic dedication.

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Changing
Zionism

A CALL to all peace-loving nations to ensure freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal was also the subject of one of the 30 resolutions adopted by the various committees of the Zionist General Council, which concluded its ten-day session in Jerusalem.

Among several resolutions on aliyah there was a call for plans for immigration from Western and Asian countries, particularly in countries where there is only a small Jewish community. Political resolutions included the one about Suez and another appealing to public opinion to counter Arab economic warfare. Another resolution accused the Soviet Union of denying its Jewish elementary rights of Jewish self-expression and called world attention to this situation.

In the economic field resolutions included a call for legislation that would grant middle-class immigrants investing capital the same benefits enjoyed by foreign investors. Others urged the speedy liquidation of war-bond and the continuation of efforts to direct as many immigrants as possible to agricultural settlements. Following strong criticism the Council approved an increase in the Jewish Agency's budget for activities in the Diaspora.

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The Middle East Scene

Khartoum Realities, Amman Dreams

By Amnon Bartur

THE relative lull in inter-Arab relations, which other Arabs enjoyed while Cairo and Baghdad were busy calling each other names, has come to an abrupt end.

On Saturday, the atmosphere became taut on the Jordan-Syrian border when U.A.R. authorities ordered the closure of the frontier and turned back Jordan trucks and trains trying to cross into Syria on their way to Lebanon. According to an official statement issued in Cairo the following day, the move was made in reply to "intolerable acts of provocation" said to have been perpetrated by the Jordanian authorities and men of the Arab Army in border areas. Amman, on the other hand, has contented itself with denying the charge, but has been inclined to see in the Syrian move an intimation of worse things to come.

Across the southern borders of the other U.A.R. region, Egypt, other neighbors were having similar misgivings. After three months of tranquility, Khartoum experienced another shake-up when two army platoons, belonging to the Northern and Eastern Commands, were ordered to cross the desert to the capital on the authority of what transpired to be false telegrams. Two Ministers, Brigadier Abdul Rahim Shennan (Communications) and Brigadier Mubammad Ahmed Abduh, were put under house arrest while 16 more senior officers and a number of n.c.o.s were arrested pending a public trial. Suspicions were aroused when it was revealed that at least one of the two Min-



General Abdou on his knees—at prayer.

isters, Brigadier Shennan, was known for his Nasserist leanings.

Previous Attempt
Both of the Ministers were implicated in a peaceful push last March, when they and their troops entered the capital and demanded inclu-

sion in the Government and the Supreme Military Council. General Ibrahim Aboud, Prime Minister since the military coup in November of last year, agreed to their demands to avoid bloodshed and things went smoothly, at least on the surface, for some time.

There is a tendency to regard the whole affair as based on personal grudges having to do with who entered the Government last November and who was left out; there is also the theory that there is a family background to the troubles as two of Shennan's brothers, son and son-in-law are among those detained.

But even if this is not a pure coincidence, there is no doubt that behind all this restlessness there is something more substantial. It was known, for instance, that the March changes were forced upon General Abdou out of a desire for a more "active" more popular rule—a desire which produced a "purge committee" which has since shown no signs of life. The fact is that General Abdou and his circle are very conservative-minded and have no desire to make drastic and far-reaching changes, while a section of the army, inspired and led by the deposed Ministers and officers, wanted to make the November coup look more like a "revolution" a la the Egyptian or even the Iraqi one.

No Communist Plot

THERE is every reason to believe Khartoum's assertion that the move had nothing to do with the Communists—as some Cairo newspapers notably "Al-Akhar" claimed. There is some sensitivity about this point in the Sudanese capital, and both the Prime Minister and Minister of Information have denied it. The latter ordering "Al-Akhar" banned for disseminating the rumour. The fact that the attempted coup followed the detention of a number of Communist Front members (24) and the distribution of Communist leaflets to justify this suppression. Among other things, these statements have been emphasizing all-Arab unity as something taken for granted; what is more, it is tirelessly stressed that Jordan, under the wise and able guidance of the King has no intention of "deserting" brother Arabs wherever they may be.

for the discontented officers is almost certainly ruled out, it is quite likely that he was referring to Cairo. For one thing, the problems which have always beset relations between Khartoum and Cairo remain unsettled and weak as disliking by the Egyptian authorities when Abdullah Khalil was in office remains the same. Not that there was any lack of a desire on the Sudanese side to settle these problems, including the all-important one of dividing the Nile waters but Khartoum now, as it was in the days of Khalil, stands firm on its rights.

Hussein's High Hopes

BUT while nothing certain can be said about Cairo's intentions in the Sudan, there are no doubts about its ambitions in Jordan. Despite all the talk lately of an imminent rapprochement between the two capitals, it is obvious that neither Hussein nor Nasser is likely to accept a settlement on the other's terms. Nasser's position is far from enviable; should he manage to swallow Jordan completely (Syrian-style) the meal can certainly prove too heavy for him; if he gives up the attempt altogether, he may lose a very useful springboard to Iraq, where opposition to him constitutes the greatest peril to himself and his regime.

Thus it is quite probable that tension on the Syrian-Jordanian border will end has nothing to do with Nasser's intentions, although it has become a habit to see behind every Arab move a plan to take place in the Arab world. There is even a possibility that the Jordanians have been committing some of those minor acts of provocation of which Cairo has accused them.

This may need some explanation, for until recently it is Cairo that has been doing the provoking. One such explanation seems to lie in the various pronouncements made lately by Hussein and some of his men. Apart from boasting of being the first Arab leader to realize the danger of Communism to the Middle East, Hussein has been speaking of a Third Force in the Arab world apparently led by himself and standing between the two warring capitals of Baghdad and Cairo. Encouraged by the sharp dispute between Nasser and Kassem, Hussein may even be thinking of something more concrete.

Eye on Syria?

WITH discontent mounting in Syria and daily embracing more sections of the population (Nasser's charge that his Syrian opponents are composed only of Communists is a more stout King Hussein seems to believe that a union between Syria and Jordan under his throne is still possible as possible as it was in his grandfather's day. The young king is being encouraged in this thought by the fact that many Syrians, though decidedly averse to the union with Egypt and looking to Iraq as their natural refuge, are worried about developments in Baghdad and may conceivably look to him as a possible saviour.

The tenor of recent official statements in Amman, including Hazza'a al Hajj's statement of policy before parliament on Sunday, seems to justify this supposition. Among other things, these statements have been emphasizing all-Arab unity as something taken for granted; what is more, it is tirelessly stressed that Jordan, under the wise and able guidance of the King has no intention of "deserting" brother Arabs wherever they may be.

Ties With
Burma

FOUR years ago, in May 1954, Burma's Prime Minister U Nu was the first Premier to visit Israel in an official State visit. This week, his successor, General Ne Win, became the second Prime Minister to visit Israel.

This is more than coincidence. It is an expression of the unusually friendly ties that have developed between the two countries in less than seven years. Burma's Ambassador in Washington notified the Israeli Ambassador there of his government's decision to extend full diplomatic recognition to Israel in December 1958, but for almost three years there was little diplomatic or any other contact.

This period might be described as phase one in a somewhat arbitrary division of Israel-Burma relations into four phases. The second began with the visit, in October 1959, of a Burmese delegation led by U Kyaw Nyein, leader of the Burmese Socialist Party, the most important partner in the dominant Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League. Three months later the then Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharrett, led an Israeli delegation to the Asian Socialist Conference at Burma's capital, Rangoon.

Shortly afterward Israel appointed its first envoy to Burma: tall, energetic and enthusiastic David Hachover, whose name soon became a household word in both Burmese government and diplomatic circles. Scores of Burmese experts and delegations began arriving here to see if methods successful here could be applied to not dissimilar problems facing Burma. The first military mission came in June 1954, following which Israel sold Burma some Spitfire fighter planes. Several Burmese pilots trained with the Israeli Air Force, while others

BURMA'S PRIME MINISTER General Ne Win arrived for an eight-day official visit.

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY in connection with the Egyptian seizure of Israel cargoes in the Suez Canal was intensified.

THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL concluded its sessions in Jerusalem.

TOTAL IMMIGRATION NEWS BAN was imposed under the State Secrets Act.

MORE ARRESTS followed the charging of Eilat's Treasurer on charges of embezzlement.

ALUF-MISHNE YAAKOV PERI was appointed Jerusalem Area Commander, replacing Aluf-Mishne Matityahu Peled.

KIRYAT GAT SUGAR FACTORY was sold to investors from Mexico.

THE LEBANESE AIR FORCE PLANE forced down on May 27, while photographing Israeli territory, was returned to Lebanon.

learned from Israeli instructors in Burma.

The high point of this second phase was the visit of Prime Minister U Nu. When Egypt applied pressure to U Nu not to visit Israel, he decided instead to skip his planned visit to Cairo. He received a countrywide enthusiastic welcome, and U Nu was particularly impressed by the kibbutz and moshav movements and began to look for a way to apply this experiment in cooperative farming to Burma.

In March 1956, agreement was reached on one of the biggest experiments in international agricultural cooperation: a joint Burmese-Israeli venture to study the possibility of turning 4,000,000 dunams of uncultivated land in the northern Shan States into wheat farms. Israel would provide the agricultural machinery, the fertilizers and some experts, and would be a possible customer for most of the wheat. Several Israeli experts established a model plot to determine the most suitable strains of grain and the best methods of cultivation. The whole scheme has now been approved.

After the Sinai campaign, there was a third, less intensive phase of cooperation due mainly to the Burmese government's internal problems. However, the exchange of

General Ne Win gets a warm greeting from Jerusalem children.

These official explanations coupled with Mr. Ben-Gurion's mild tone in the Knesset, although he did state in a news agency interview that Egypt's seizure could not for long remain one-sided action.

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Pioneering School: Rehavia's Gymnasium

By MACABEE KASKIN

THE site of the original Rehavia Gymnasium was unknown.

This was the first fact which confronted the teachers, friends and students of this Jerusalem institution last year, when they began preparations to mark the school's 50th jubilee. These teachers, youngsters compared to the age of the school—only knew that it had been somewhere in the Zichron Moshe Quarter.

So, they asked two students of the original first class—Mrs. Leah Walitz-Cohen, a Jerusalem teacher, and Dr. Yehoshua Solovayev, a Jerusalem advocate—to locate the building. They found that the one-storey building was now a private house.

"But," Mrs. Walitz-Cohen says, "the rooms which served as classrooms and the courtyard seemed to have shrunk in size with the years."

She recalls all her teachers, two of them with special affection. The first was President Ben-Zvi, who taught Bible, Hebrew and Hebrew literature; the second was Mrs. Ben-Zvi, who taught history.

"They were both excellent teachers. All of the students were devoted to them." Later, the sister of the President, then Shulamit Ben-Zvi (later the wife of Professor Yitzhak Kalugai), was a teacher.

Mrs. Walitz-Cohen never finished the Jerusalem Gymnasium. She was the most advanced student and a special curriculum had to be provided for her. After some years, her parents, both doctors—her mother was the first Jewish woman doctor in Palestine—decided that they could no longer bear the entire expense of a class. The student her to the Herzliya Gymnasium in Tel Aviv.

The Hebrew Gymnasium today faces the opposite problem. It is swamped with applications for admission. The first was the Herzliya Gymnasium in Tel Aviv.

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The first school building of the Rehavia Gymnasium in the Zichron Moshe quarter, now used as a private apartment.



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50,000 Kroner (£3,000) from the bank and work began on constructing the present home of the Gymnasium. It was finished in 1929. Dr. Ruppman also interested an Italian Jew, Vittorio Morporgio, who made donations to the building fund.

Dr. Moshe Calvari, the noted educator, served as headmaster for a year, and then in 1922, Dr. Yosef Mohilever, grandson and pupil of the famed Rabbi Shmuel Mohilever of Bialistok, was appointed. He served for 20 years and his view that the school should cater to the "high average" student, and prepare him both for a profession and for life, is still the guiding principle of the school today.

He was succeeded by Dr. A. Bartana, now Assistant Director-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

In 1941, Mr. Ze'evun Tuchman assumed the post, and embarked on a policy of enlarging the premises so that the school could expand in line with its past. But today the school premises are overcrowded. The classrooms are packed. The school auditorium cannot hold more than one quarter of the students at a time.

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Post Reveals Who Reads 'The Post'

Readers' Letters, Keeping Posted and Kishon are Firm Favorites

IMAGINE an Israeli in his forties who is from Western Europe and has both Central European and Anglo-Saxon in his makeup. He has had a higher education and is a professional — or a senior Government or business administrator. He is educated, well informed, likes music, owns a car and has travelled. He is the head of a family that knows the meaning of saving, and spending. He takes holidays and buys appliances.

This is the composite picture of the reader of The Jerusalem Post that emerged from a Reader Survey Poll conducted last October. The "average reader's" favorite letters, "Keeping Posted" and "Kishon," were mailed from abroad. The postal questionnaire was chosen, despite its obvious drawback of low response, because it reached all readers and not just a small sample (and there were no previous criteria for constructing a sample).

Secondly, it permitted anonymity and thereby encouraged candor.

Immigrant's IN this country of immigration, the poll shows that The Post is read by immigrants, only 24 per cent of those who replied being native born. A great many are old-timers, however, who came here before the establishment of the State. English is not the mother tongue of the overwhelming majority of Post readers, assuming that only persons recorded as coming from the U.S. or from the U.K. and the Commonwealth.

Most of them, while speaking English as their mother tongue, all the others (83.3 per cent) must be assumed to have picked up English as their second or other language. This is borne out by the letters attached to many of the questionnaires. Most of them, showing a good command of English, nevertheless indicated that English had not been learned in childhood. Some even thanked The Post for being instrumental in teaching them English. (See Table I).

The cooperative spirit and passion for betterment evinced by the immigrants from Germany and other parts of Central Europe, we believe, caused a disproportionate number of these not only to fill in their questionnaires but also to send them in. In this way, the statistics may have become weighted unduly in their favour.

The overall picture of the age group is one of a matured man, the over-30s with the major group in the 40s. (See Table II).

High Level of Education Table IV shows an extraordinarily high level of formal education, not only by Israeli standards but also by those of the most advanced Western countries. Close to 57 per cent have had at least some university education; only slightly more than 20 per cent have not gone above elementary school. (Table IV).

This conclusion is also reflected in the breakdown of which more below and in reading habits and cultural preferences. Twenty-nine per cent read a second morning Hebrew paper, while an additional six per cent take an evening (also Hebrew) paper. The percentage which reads Hebrew frequently or fairly well (71 per cent) is twice as large as the percentage which reads the Hebrew press (36 per cent). This points to the fact that most of the readers are not native born but have picked up Hebrew because of their inability to read Hebrew.

A whopping 69 per cent said they regularly read foreign periodicals and newspapers and spent considerable time on the professional literature such as Time, Reader's Digest, Life, Newsweek, Ladies Home Journal, The Times, The New York Times, The New York Herald Tribune (Paris Ed.) and the Observer.

In the questions on cultural tastes and preferences, 58 per cent said they attend the Hebrew theatre, while an even larger number (64 per cent) regularly attend performances of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The most impressive figure here is that 36 per cent hold subscriptions to the I.P.O.

The extent of interest in various cultural activities is further borne out by the relatively high percentage of readers who regularly read the music and theatre reviews (48 and 49 per cent respectively) and by the 25 per cent who belong to various cultural organizations. There is also a relatively high rate of ownership of musical instruments (pianos — 12 per cent; other musical instruments — 12 per cent) and of record players (41 per cent) and tape recorders (5 per cent). The direction of cultural interest seems to be towards cultural forms which could have been brought from the readers' countries of origin to Israel. This seems to be true in the case of music and of foreign (English) literature.

Interest in English literature is also reflected in the request for more reviews of English books (43 per cent); more coverage of literary developments and personalities (30 per cent) and more serializations and excerpts from important books (32 per cent). The corresponding figure of those requesting more reviews of Hebrew books was 13 per cent.

Captains of Industry, Government Table V shows the occupational breakdown of the country of birth, the occupational breakdown of the most available figures for the nation as a whole. The most impressive were those for some of the professions, and for senior Government officials. (See Table V).

In comparing these figures with available statistics on the number of members in the various professions, we find that over 30 per cent of the country's engineers and members of the medical profession read The Post. The corresponding figure for lawyers and judges is somewhat lower (20 per cent).

Of the senior Government officials (grades 14 and above) public institutions linked with the Government grading system, a high percentage read the paper. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics there were 10,000 in this grade in Government service on March 31, 1957. Even if we add 30 per cent to this figure to allow for corresponding officials in public institutions (Jewish Agency, Hebrew University, etc.) and for the slight increase in the most senior staff since 1957, we still find that over 30 per cent of this category read The Post.

The apparently low percentage of housewives was due to the inclusion of only

Income	Percentage
Below IL200 a month (IL2,400 annually)	11.3 per cent
IL200-IL300 " (IL2,400-IL3,600 annually)	46 " "
IL300-IL400 " (IL3,600-IL4,800 annually)	25.5 " "
Above IL400 " (Above IL4,800 annually)	17.2 " "
No Answer	5.3 " "

TABLE VI
Income

A PLEASANT surprise was that only a relatively low percentage (15 per cent) did not fill in the question on income, worded to ask for the gross annual income from all sources of all members of the household. The median income was about IL430 per family per month, or some IL5,160 per annum (Table VI).

In comparison, the average monthly expenditure of the average urban wage earning family during 1957/58 was IL335, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

From other questions concerning the readers' standard of living it appears that most of them have part of their income in the form of life insurance policies — 31 per cent; securities — 37 per cent; or bank accounts — 51 per cent. Some of the latter, however, added wryly, "But with nothing in it."

The higher-than-average income level is also mirrored in the figure for home ownership (45 per cent) with 47 per cent renting their homes (including key money arrangements).

Ownership of automobiles was a high 34 per cent with another six per cent indicating their intention to buy a car during this year. Still another six per cent own motor scooters or motorcycles. Thirty-two per cent have

TABLE VII
Ownership of Household Appliances

Appliance	Percentage
Refrigerator	81 per cent
Radio	75 " "
Washing Machine	46 " "
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TABLE VIII
Length of Time in Israel

Length of Time	Percentage
Over 10 years	49 per cent
5-10 years	25 " "
Less than 5 years	25 " "
No Answer	1 " "

TABLE IX
Age

Age	Percentage
16-29	9.5 per cent
30-39	24.5 " "
40-49	25.5 " "
50-59	25.5 " "
60 and over	14.5 " "
No Answer	9.5 " "

WHAT do readers think of The Post's new cover, its features and editorial opinions? The most popular features in order of popularity were:

Readers' Letters 75 per cent
Keeping Posted 75 per cent
Kishon 75 per cent
Israel's Week 75 per cent
Amos Hacham on the Hebrew University campus 75 per cent
The Marginal Column 75 per cent

It should be kept in mind that the percentages given refer only to those readers who noted that they read those features regularly. There was also a category set aside for those who read them only occasionally and, of course, for those who rarely or never read the particular feature. In addition to the 75 per cent who regularly read

Sabras Read Less Humour "Israel's Week" is reflected in the second section, in which 47 per cent of the readers asked for more news from the Middle East, while 40 per cent asked for more general news. The percentage ratings of the other features and departments aimed at the general reader were as follows:

Feature	Percentage
The Economic Page	44 per cent
Review of the Hebrew Press	41 " "
Friday Profile	41 " "
Visitors' Gallery	38 " "
Parliamentary Report	36 " "
Nature Notes	35 " "

Part of the "sabres" low percentage of readership in the Kishon category may stem from the possibility that they read it in the original form of the readers' letters while the percentage of those who read the evening papers is six per cent.

Researcher's note: The unsubstantiated possibility of a basic lack of humour, two possible explanations remain: this relatively small group of readers has, on the whole, a basically different motivation for buying The Post — a motivation which does not include the need to read the lighter side of the paper. Secondly, their command of English may perhaps be insufficient to enable them to enjoy this type of writing.

The same phenomenon presents itself in the breakdown of editorial readership according to country of origin. In this case, too, the native born Israelis are the only group which diverge (31 per cent) from the general reading pattern, which is in the low 30s.

The relatively large number of readers reading the "Middle East Scene" and

Agreement with Policies FIGURES for the other features in this category were:

Feature	Percentage
Stamp	35 per cent
Star Gazing	34 " "
Crossword Puzzle	34 " "
Cheese	34 " "
Religious Services	34 " "
European News	45 " "
Scientific and Technical	45 " "
Reports on prices and new products	34 " "
Israeli political news	31 " "
Serializations and excerpts from books	30 " "
Literary developments and personalities	30 " "

All the other categories listed in this section showed a relatively high percentage (upper 60s and 70s) of readers who were satisfied with the extent of present coverage, with the remainder being evenly divided between those who wanted more or less of a particular feature or department.

An overwhelming majority (80 per cent) declined to express any opinion at all on sports coverage, while the other 20 per cent, equally

Agree — 35 per cent; Disagree — 25 per cent. As for style, an overwhelming 75 per cent came out in favour of British usage, while only 13 per cent opted for American usage. Some 12 per cent didn't care as long as it was correct usage.

Finally, an apology to the many readers who complained that we did not include questions on "Ferdinand" and "Dosh" and "Ell." The reason for this glaring omission was a question of phrasing a question of the readership of a visual feature in a way that would provide meaningful answers.

Over 64 per cent had stayed in hotels and the same number at pensions, with 54 per cent in both categories having had a vacation at a hotel or pension more than once.

Figures for travel abroad are also high: 61 per cent had been abroad at least once since arriving in Israel. Travelled by air: 47 per cent (29 per cent had flown abroad once or more, and 22 per cent twice or more). Corresponding figures for travel by ship: 40 per cent (17 per cent twice or more).

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Amos Hacham on the Hebrew University campus.

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Amos Hacham Model Bible Student

By MALKA RABINOWITZ

AMONG the nationally famous personalities whose names stand out in the Hebrew University's roster of the Hebrew University, Amos Hacham is the only one who made his mark not in soldiering or politics, but in plain scholarship.

There are some who regard the way in which Hacham captured the country's imagination as an indication that Israel, after revering the *Holocaust* and the *Solider*, is beginning to accept the "Jewish" (the brilliant scholar) the same status he was given in scholarship-loving Jewish communities of Europe.

Others view it simply as an indication for a "stage" of the Jewish people's metamorphosis from a struggling, lonely clerk into the triumph of the scholar. The International Bible Quiz certainly has the elements of a fairy tale. Nine months after the Quiz, Hacham is still pointed out on the campus as a feature, regardless of the day, although Arthur Saul Super has a small lead over the others.

The Quiz changed Hacham's life. He has gained self-confidence; he earns a decent living as a newspaper columnist, and adviser to the Ministry of Education. He has even acquired that elusive, elusive thing — a phone in his home.

Passion for Study But his passion for study remains. His University instructors recall that in the first days, sitting always in the middle of the front row with a large black hat on his head, he would listen to comments or questions without much ceremony. But he quickly learned classroom discipline and his instructors recall that he would listen to everything else. Fellow students note that he takes an active, eager part in class discussion and his instructors recall that he would listen to everything else.

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Gauging National Interest in Bible Study

Little Basic Change in Attitude to Nation's Common Meeting Ground

By M.H. GOSHEN-GOTTSTEIN

AN old Jewish custom has it that on Shavuot one stays awake throughout the night. After the festive meal, the men spend the night studying portions of the Pentateuch, continuing through the other books of the Bible, and ending with selected parts of Rabbinic and, in some communities, Kabbalistic literature.

Two characteristic aspects can be discerned in this traditional "Shavuot-study." One, ever present in true Jewish learning, is the disregard of anything but the holy books. Unless we devote ourselves to the study of the Bible and the wisdom of our sages for their own sake, we do not truly "learn."

The other aspect is more characteristic of the traditional Shavuot night study. The study of the immense stone of our holy literature in one session, from evening until daybreak, is not the result of pure chance. Although this is the day which is intended to recall the giving of the written Law, the Bible must not be detached from the oral law — from the Mishna and the Rabbinic writings down through the ages to its last major expression in the eisek Kabbalistic wisdom.

Whatever signs of renewed interest in the study of the Bible have been detected of late, this should not be interpreted as significant of any basic change in the general attitude towards the Bible. If learning is to be in itself and seeing the Bible as one part only — albeit the most significant — of our heritage, the study of the Bible seems a conspicuous characteristic trait of Jewish study, then neither of these traits is to be found in what many would like us to believe to be the beginning of a "Bible renaissance."

Significant Position Nevertheless, the last year seems to have proved to many that the Bible occupies a more significant position in our lives than previously believed. It is no longer news that the annual meeting of the Israel Bible Research Society can draw capacity audiences from all walks of life. Even if we concede that these audiences dwindle away after the much-publicized first night, they can be no doubt that the popular character of these meetings ful-

fills a true need — at least for those few hundreds of listeners who remain, most of them teachers and also a good many members of kibbutzim or Yemitei workers.

A much more impressive sign, apparently, is the enthusiasm which greeted the Bible Quiz. Many factors may, again, have contributed, one of which may have been the realization that for the past 10 years there has been an emphasis on the national and military aspects of public events to the virtual exclusion of any other values. But it would be wrong to deny that there was much genuine interest in the subject-matter itself.

This, however, is symptomatic of little more than a change of fashion with all its attendant characteristics. Quizzes may cause thousands to be glued to their radios and schoolchildren may neglect all real learning for outwitting each other in quizzing, but one wonders whether there is any real gain in this.

This fashionable study of the Bible seems another unfortunate link in the ancient chain of taking the Bible out of its context in Jewish history. What is the Bible, one asks, if not a collection of apocryphal and pseudepigraphic literature, others (e.g. Weiser) are slowly following, so that the Bible is no longer a school-commentary on the Bible.

Secular Approach The fact that our approach to the Bible is purely a secular one — mainly through archaeology — is a separate chapter. That we have been forced to believe that the Bible is the one common meeting ground for the whole nation, is another. What matters is that there is no good reason to believe that anything has changed, even if for the moment emotions run somewhat higher. I would even go so far as to state that this apparent revival of interest in the Bible is, to a considerable extent, an unconscious reaction to the dangers of the Jewish people's feeling themselves exposed by the recent decision to introduce instruction in Jewish consciousness in Jewish schools.

The past year has, however, had its encouraging signs as well, most of them in the field of publications and scholarly projects. The first full-size pictorial commentary on the Bible, illustrating its material, cultural and geographical setting, with well-chosen reproductions of the full size

This year also saw the reappearance of the full size classic edition of the "Mikra-ot Gedolot." This, together with the new edition of the Hebrew Concordance to the Bible, is a well-desired addition to a completely new index of forms in the Concordance, — have appeared in part, and the remaining volumes are eagerly awaited.

Another major event was the appearance of the Torah-volume of the "Koren Bible." The first Bible to be printed by Jews in this country — with new, specially designed type and a most exact text — it may be well described as a revolution in Hebrew Bible printing.

About the first half of the large Biblical Encyclopedia has been finished this year and has already been distributed. The publication of Prof. Yehoshua Kaufmann's volume on Joshua, which we trust is the last of a series of additions to the late Prof. M.D. Cassuto's works are being prepared for publication in English. The long South African Rabbinic authority which has already spent some time on this work.

Most works in this field, however, are naturally directed to a more popular audience. While the first single-author commentary on the Bible — by A. S. Hartom — has been finished, others (e.g. Weiser) are slowly following, so that the Bible is no longer a school-commentary on the Bible.

After some years of preparation, Hebrew University scholars are now working on a major project in the field of Bible studies which, it is hoped — will also help towards creating in Jerusalem a centre of Bible research of international importance. The first results of this work will be ready later on this year, and are hoped to carry out a large-scale project will be made available to the University.

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